

# Disaster Management

Mapping the Last Mile: Local Contingency Planning on Sri Lanka's East Coast



**Mapping the Last Mile** explores how tsunami-affected villages and local government officials interact to forge sustainable disaster resilience. Disaster preparedness at the village level--referred to in this study as the "last mile"--is a nexus of top-down strategies, such as nationwide Disaster Management Centre (DMC) programs, as well as bottom-up strategies, such as locally-designed flood resistance plans.

**Monday, July 1**

**4:30 pm - 5:30 pm**

**American Center Auditorium**

**#44, Galle Road, Colombo 3**

**Presentation by  
Sarah Stodder**



**Sarah Stodder** is a Fulbright researcher conducting a project focusing on village-level disaster preparedness in the Eastern Province.

She graduated from Georgetown University in Washington, DC with a B.A. in Government.

Her narrative piece on the stories of her field research interviewees, **From Bitter Lemons: A Journey Toward Disaster Resilience in Sri Lanka**, is her first attempt at creative nonfiction writing.

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